
HOUSE BILL 1940

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring state agencies to notify local
2 governments of proposed land dispositions; adding a new section to
3 chapter 43.17 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 79.11 RCW; adding a
4 new section to chapter 79.17 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 79.22
5 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.300 RCW; adding a new section
6 to chapter 77.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 77.12 RCW; adding
7 a new section to chapter 47.12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
8 47.56 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 79A.05 RCW; adding a new
9 section to chapter 43.19 RCW; and creating a new section.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that state
12 agencies dispose of state-owned lands when these lands cannot be
13 advantageously used by the agency or when dispositions are beneficial
14 to the public's interest. The legislature also recognizes that
15 dispositions of state-owned land can create opportunities for counties,
16 cities, and towns wishing to purchase or otherwise acquire the lands,
17 and citizens wishing to enjoy the lands for recreational or other
18 purposes. However, the legislature finds that absent a specific
19 requirement obligating state agencies to notify affected local

1 governments of proposed land dispositions, occasions for governmental
2 acquisition and public enjoyment of certain lands can be permanently
3 lost.

4 Therefore, the legislature intends to enact an express and
5 supplemental requirement obligating state agencies to notify local
6 governments of proposed land dispositions.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.17 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
10 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

11 (a) "Disposition" means sales, exchanges, or other actions
12 resulting in a transfer of land ownership.

13 (b) "State agencies" includes:

14 (i) The department of natural resources established in chapter
15 43.30 RCW;

16 (ii) The department of fish and wildlife established in chapter
17 43.300 RCW;

18 (iii) The department of transportation established in chapter 47.01
19 RCW;

20 (iv) The parks and recreation commission established in chapter
21 79A.05 RCW; and

22 (v) The department of general administration established in this
23 chapter.

24 (2) State agencies proposing disposition of state-owned land must
25 provide written notice of the proposed disposition to the legislative
26 authorities of the counties, cities, and towns in which the land is
27 located at least sixty days before entering into the disposition
28 agreement.

29 (3) The requirements of this section are in addition and
30 supplemental to other requirements of the laws of this state.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 79.11 RCW
32 to read as follows:

33 Actions under this chapter are subject to the notification
34 requirements of section 2 of this act.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 79.17 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 Actions under this chapter are subject to the notification
4 requirements of section 2 of this act.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 79.22 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 Actions under this chapter are subject to the notification
8 requirements of section 2 of this act.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 43.300 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 Actions under this chapter are subject to the notification
12 requirements of section 2 of this act.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 77.04 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 Actions under this chapter are subject to the notification
16 requirements of section 2 of this act.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW
18 to read as follows:

19 Actions under this chapter are subject to the notification
20 requirements of section 2 of this act.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 47.12 RCW
22 to read as follows:

23 Actions under this chapter are subject to the notification
24 requirements of section 2 of this act.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 47.56 RCW
26 to read as follows:

27 Actions under this chapter are subject to the notification
28 requirements of section 2 of this act.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** A new section is added to chapter 79A.05
30 RCW to read as follows:

1 Actions under this chapter are subject to the notification
2 requirements of section 2 of this act.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 Actions under this chapter are subject to the notification
6 requirements of section 2 of this act.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** If any provision of this act or its
8 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
9 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
10 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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